



Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program 2017-18

The American Center at U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program for 2017-18. The primary goal of the FLTA program is to strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, while providing teachers of English and related fields (e.g. American studies, American/English Literature, etc.) with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency, and enhance their knowledge of the United States.

FLTA Fellows from Bangladesh typically teach Bangla-language classes for American students. Fellows and their students will have a unique opportunity to learn about each other's cultures and to build mutual understanding between the United States and Bangladesh. Fulbright FLTA participants may assist in up to twenty hours of language classes a week and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. Studies. Coursework is offered on either an audit or credit basis. Fulbright FLTA participants will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs, discussion groups, and language tables. Fellows interact with their host community through conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. The FLTA is a nine month non-degree program that is non-renewable.

To be eligible, interested candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be teachers of English and related fields (e.g. American studies, American/English Literature, etc.) at the university level, and must have complete fluency in English;
- Have completed either a master's degree or a four-year bachelor's degree, or both, no later than June of 2015;
- Be between 23-29 years of age;
- Be resident in Bangladesh throughout the nomination and selection process.

Fellows are required to return to their home country upon completion of the program. Please note that family members are not permitted to accompany Fellows during the program.

Detailed application instructions are available at https://bd.edit.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/70/2016/06/FLTA-Application-Instruction_2017-18-1.pdf

The online application is available at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>.

The online application submission deadline is **August 18, 2016**. All documents must be submitted online, and hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

The following supporting documents will be required for the online application:

- 1. Three letters of reference;**
- 2. Attested copies of Academic Transcripts and Certificates from each post-secondary institution (Bachelor's and Master's); and**
- 3. A TOEFL or IELTS score, if applicable (please see below).**

Strong English skills are a program requirement, and short-listed candidates will be required to sit for the TOEFL or IELTS exam. If an applicant has a valid score at the time of application, it should be submitted with the application materials—however, if a candidate does not have this score at the time of application, the American Center will arrange testing for selected candidates only. A minimum score of 80 on the internet-based TOEFL exam or a minimum score of 7.0 on the IELTS exam is generally required for selection.

Selected applicants will be called for a spoken (oral) test and a written test in Bangla. Following the completion of the oral and written tests, short-listed candidates will be interviewed, and candidates will be notified regarding final selections in or around March of 2017. The FLTA program will begin in August of 2017, and Fellows will be required to attend an orientation during the summer before arriving at their host institution.

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